

as pastor of St. Henry's Church, where he is currently serving his second term. At St. Henry's, Monsignor Hajduk has helped restore and renovate the interior of the church and upgrade some of its facilities. Under his leadership, the Religious and Youth Center at the Church has grown substantially, and now serves over 500 students.

Monsignor Hajduk continues to be an active member of the Bayonne community. He is currently a member of the Bayonne Faith Based Initiative Advisory Board, serves on the board of directors of the Bayonne Mental Health Center, is active in the Bayonne Interfaith Council, and was a representative to the Bayonne Census in 2000.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk for his exceptional service and dedication to the people of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO FRED CORTESE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Fred Cortese and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to his community and to his state. As a resident of Pueblo County, Colorado, Fred has dedicated himself to helping his community through his work as a law enforcement officer with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. It is with pride that I pay tribute to Fred today for the tremendous accomplishments for which he is being recognized by the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department with the Medal of Valor for saving the lives of two men, asleep as their home burned around them.

On February 22nd of this year, Fred and another officer, Jonathan Post, arrived at the scene of a house fire. Believing people to be trapped inside, they entered the burning building at great risk to their own lives. Inside, they found two men asleep, unaware of the imminent danger threatening them. Fred and Jonathan successfully persuaded the two residents to leave their burning home through a window, until one of them disregarded orders and reentered the house, necessitating another dangerous rescue. Fred then assisted Jonathan, who was suffering from smoke inhalation, out of the building.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Fred Cortese upon the receipt of the Medal of Valor from the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department. Fred's courage and selflessness serve as an inspiration to the citizens of Colorado, his peers and his country. With men like Fred in the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, the citizens of Pueblo County can rest assured that their lives are and their neighborhoods are well protected. Congratulations, Fred, and good luck.

JOHN D. HULL, "FRIEND OF THE
LABOR COUNCIL WARD", SAN
DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES
LABOR COUNCIL

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute John D. Hull on receiving the "Friend of the Labor Council Award" from the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

John is Vice-President of SBC Communications, Inc. in San Diego, overseeing a region that includes San Diego, Orange and Imperial Counties, and the Inland Empire region of Southern California.

Mr. Hull joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1974 following his graduation from college. He has held numerous management positions during this career, culminating in his appointment as Regional President for the San Diego in May 2001. He represents SBC on the boards of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, United Way of San Diego County and the American Heart Association—San Diego Chapter.

During his career, John D. Hull has been an important friend of the hardworking men and women who are represented by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the "Friend of the Labor Council Award."

IN HONOR OF LARRY BARULLI,
RECIPIENT OF THE LANCE COR-
PORAL STANLEY J. KOPCINSKI
MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Barulli, recipient of the Lance Corporal Stanley J. Kopcinski Memorial Award. The Bayonne Detachment #191, Marine Corps League honored Mr. Barulli on May 26, 2003, at the VFW hall in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Barulli served with the United States Army from 1950 until 1952, and was stationed with the "C" Company 79th Engineers Battalion in Korea from September 1951 until September 1952. For the past seven years, Larry Barulli has been an active member of the Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County 38th Parallel Chapter. He is currently a member of the Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County, the Catholic War Veterans Assumption Post 1612, and the American Legion—Mackenzie Post 165.

Mr. Barulli played a critical role in establishing a monument in memory of the 126 Hudson County residents who gave their lives in the Korean War. The monument, which sits at the end of Washington Street in Jersey City, memorializes 126 men from twelve Hudson County communities who lost their lives during the Korean War. As the war often re-

ferred to as the "Forgotten War," Mr. Barulli has helped ensure that the memory of these men will live on forever.

The Lance Corporal Stanley J. Kopcinski Award is given out each year by the Bayonne Detachment of the Marine Corps League in memory of Stanley J. Kopcinski, the first Marine from Bayonne killed in the Vietnam War. Lance Corporal Kopcinski was well revered by his fellow Marines and was voted "most likely to receive the Medal of Honor." The award is presented to those who follow in the spirit of Lance Corporal Kopcinski's dedication and service.

A graduate of Bayonne High School, Mr. Barulli is now retired from Barulli's Deli Grocery, which he owned and ran with his father until 1980. Larry Barulli and his wife Elizabeth Ann Siwek Barulli will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary in December, 2003.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Larry Barulli and congratulating him on receiving a well-deserved award. His continued service to the veterans of Bayonne and to the people of Hudson County is an inspiration for us all.

TRIBUTE TO SUE PURVIS AND TASHA THE SEARCH DOG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to a woman and her dog who willingly give their time to provide assistance to others. Sue Purvis and her search dog Tasha of Crested Butte, Colorado volunteer to help locate victims of avalanches. In doing so, they help bring closure to victims' families and perform a public service to their community.

During one week in March of this year, Sue and Tasha were called to the scene of two avalanches. The first trapped a 33-year-old man who had been caught in a slide while snowmobiling. Some 30 rescuers searched unsuccessfully for several hours before calling in Sue and Tasha. Together, working with another canine search team, they found the man's body within half an hour.

A few days later, the pair received a call involving another snowmobiler. This time, the victim triggered a massive slide 10-feet deep and several hundred feet wide. The slide packed so much power that the debris field was 20 feet deep and contained chunks of snow and ice the size of a van. Despite working by themselves, Sue and Tasha found the man's body buried in six feet of snow about an hour later.

Mr. Speaker, when Sue and Tasha venture off into the Colorado backcountry to search for victims, they often enter very unstable and dangerous snow conditions. Still, they do so willingly to help bring closure to the victim's families as quickly as possible. That unselfish spirit of neighbor-helping-neighbor is what helped make this country great, and I am truly honored to have the opportunity to honor Sue and her amazing search dog Tasha here before this body of Congress today.